GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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US HELP TO CHECK INFILTRATION OF TERRORISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has offered to assist in countering the infiltration of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and improving India`s border management:

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any meeting with US officials has been held in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): As part of their ongoing cooperation on counter-terrorism, India and the United States have discussed supply of equipment and systems from the United States to improve surveillance and management to check infiltration by terrorists from across the border.

(c) & (d): During the visit of the Prime Minister to Washington D.C. on 7-9 November 2001, the United States indicated its willingness to provide assistance to India in this regard. The two sides also discussed this issue during the meeting of their bilateral Defence Policy Group held on 3rd and 4th December, 2001 at New Delhi.